

Claims

1. A cab arrangement for a harvesting combine comprising:  
a harvesting combine including a body, a cab spaced-apart from the  
body, a platform positioned between the cab and the body wherein the cab, the  
5 body, and the platform define a passageway to allow an operator to visually  
monitor and access the body from the platform.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cab includes a back wall, the back  
wall including a transparent window to provide the operator with enhanced  
10 visibility behind the cab.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the platform includes a first side  
portion, a second side portion, and a back portion, the back portion positioned  
between the cab and the body.  
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4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the back portion has a width of  
approximately 18-20 inches.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the passageway has a width of  
20 approximately 18-20 inches.
6. The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the transparent window is comprised  
of glass.
- 25 7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the platform extends substantially  
around a back wall and first and second side walls of the cab.
8. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the first side wall of the cab includes a  
first transparent panel and the second side wall of the cab includes a second  
30 transparent panel.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the first and second transparent panels are comprised of glass.
- 5 10. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the platform includes a railing extending upward from the platform and along an outer perimeter of the platform.
11. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the combine includes a frame, the  
10 platform attached to the frame.
12. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the platform is positioned above two front wheels of the combine.
- 15 13. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cab includes a curved transparent front panel.
14. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the curved transparent front panel is comprised of glass.
- 20 15. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the body includes a housing and operating equipment.
16. The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the operating equipment includes a  
25 loop elevator assembly, a grain tank, a rotary threshing assembly including a rotor, and a cleaning system including a chaffer sieve and a shoe sieve.
17. A method for visually monitoring a harvesting combine comprising:  
providing a harvesting combine including a body, the body including a  
30 housing and operating equipment, a cab spaced-apart from the body, a platform positioned between the cab and the body wherein the cab, the body, and the platform define a passageway; and

visually monitoring the operating equipment from the platform.

18. A method for visually monitoring a harvesting combine comprising:  
5 providing a harvesting combine including a body, the body including a housing and operating equipment, a cab spaced-apart from the body, a platform positioned between the cab and the body wherein the cab, the body, and the platform define a passageway; and  
accessing the operator equipment from the platform.
- 10 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the cab includes a back wall, the back wall including a transparent window; and  
visually monitoring the operating equipment from the cab.
- 15 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the transparent window is comprised of glass.
21. A cab arrangement for a harvesting combine comprising:  
a harvesting combine including a body having a grain tank, a cab  
20 spaced-apart from the grain tank, a platform positioned between the cab and the grain tank wherein the cab, the grain tank, and the platform define a passageway to allow an operator to visually monitor operating equipment of the combine.
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